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Moody, Shafer introduce legislation to create North Fulton Boundary Commission

ATLANTA- Senator Dan Moody (R-Alpharetta) and Senator David Shafer (R-Duluth) have introduced legislation creating the North Fulton Boundary Commission to resolve all boundary questions arising from the incorporation of the new cities of Riverside and Milton. Senate Resolution 804, introduced today, will allow each municipality in North Fulton to appoint one representative to the Commission. In drawing the boundaries, the Commission is charged with considering natural boundaries, communities of interest and service delivery strategies. The Commission will file its report, with final boundaries, by February 1, 2007. The report will require approval of the General Assembly before its recommendations would become Georgia law.

“We want to create this Commission to review the existing and the newly proposed boundaries in Fulton County to be sure that all residents will have access to the speedy delivery of services,” stated Sen. Moody. “The General Assembly has the authority to change the borders, but we want to study them closely, hear from local officials and make our recommendations before we finalize anything.”

SR 804 creates the Boundary Commission and proposes that it be composed of one representative of the City of Alpharetta, the City of Mountain Park and the City of Roswell, and if authorized in the 2006 legislative session, the City of Milton and the City of Riverside. The Commission is to undertake a study of the boundaries of these municipalities, taking into account the conditions, needs, issues and related problems, and the preferences of the residents affected.

"There is a broad consensus that the new cities of Riverside and Milton should be formed, and formed now, in this session of the General Assembly," said Sen. Shafer. "At the same time, there are questions about how the boundaries of those new cities should be drawn. Those questions are best resolved by the local communities involved."

SR 804 continues by outlining the provisions for meetings of the North Fulton Boundary Study Committee and the requirements for membership of the Commission. The legislation also recommends that the Commission be abolished on February 1, 2007.

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